

Lanesboro Public Utilities

Council Chambers

12:00 p.m., February 22nd, 2010

Member(s) Present: , Schuck and O'Connor

Absent:

Visitors: Jerod Wagner, Jim Peterson and Bobbie Vickerman

REGULAR MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Evenson. The agenda was approved with a motion by O'Connor, second by Evenson, motion carried. The minutes of the Regular Utilities meeting on January 29th, 2010, were approved with a motion by O'Connor, second by Schuck, motion carried.

PERSONS WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

N/A

HOUSEKEEPING:

Paying of the Bills: O'Connor made a motion to pay the bills as presented, second Schuck, motion carried.

Past Due Bills: Reviewed accounts and provided direction for three cut off notices.

UMMPA Updates: Wagner noted that he has handouts regarding recent meetings, but he needs to find a color copier to be able to get the proper copies made. He noted that wholesale rates will be 6.5% less than projected for 2010, however they will still go up. He also stated that it seems that with MISO, our excess capacity may not be worth as much as it once was.

State Bonding: Vickerman noted that so far the dam is still in the bonding bill under the heading of the DNR.

USDA Grocery Store and Dam: Vickerman reported that there are two programs that we will be applying for money from. Discussion occurred about the amount to give the Grocery store for energy efficient equipment and whether we should go over and above the amount. O'Connor asked that a policy be put in place before we determine an amount due and for the staff to seek out information from MMUA as far as what the CIP program involves.

AT&T Piggyback Tower: Evenson made a motion to approve the piggyback tower for AT&T and contract as long as the contract with T-Mobile allows it, second O'Connor, motion carried.

Roger Wigner's Sewer: Vickerman noted that the letter enclosed in the packet has been sent, so the Public Utilities has followed through with proper procedure.

Dam/Hydro: Peterson noted that no matter whether funding comes through the gate needs to be fixed and that an emergency response plan for the dam need to be completed and turned into the DNR. O'Connor made a motion to have repairs made to the gate and for Vickerman, Peterson and Wagner to complete the Emergency Response Plan for the dam.

Street Lights: Vickerman presented the grant that she wrote for street lights and noted that we should hear back by the end of March.

Smart Meter Grant: Wagner reported that most members of UMMPA are not going to take the government up on this grant, noting that most are not prepared for it. He advised the Lanesboro PU to discuss it further.

City/Utility Policy for Renewable Energy: Wagner reported that with Solar Panels and individual wind turbines available that the Public Utilities and City should have a policy on how it connects to the system and other regulations. Vickerman noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission is looking at a policy as well. Staff will seek out other cities that may have existing policies.

Grocery Store Project Management: O'Connor noted that for this project we need a person that can take on the project management and someone that can seek out funds. Evenson made a motion for the Public Utilities to pay half the cost up to a total cost of \$10,000 to hire someone to take on this project, second Schuck, motion carried.

ADJOURN:

The meeting stood adjourned at 1:19 p.m. on a motion by O'Connor, second by Schuck, motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Bobbie Vickerman
City Administrator/Clerk